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News worth sharing.

'A great show' for fans



Team Orr's Nicolas Petan crashes into Team Cherry goaltender Zachary Fucale at the CHL Top Prospects game at the Metro Centre on Wednesday. The event featured 40 of the top draft-eligible junior hockey players. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Future stars. Top NHL prospects showcase skills to sold-out Metro Centre crowd

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Alexis McLellan couldn't match the legendary Steve Yzerman's excitement for the CHL Top Prospects game at the Metro Centre on Wednesday night.

Donning her Halifax Mooseheads jersey, the 11-year-old sat rinkside as Team Cherry, featuring a trio of Mooseheads standouts, trailed Team Orr 3-0 late in the third period.

"I wish (Nathan) MacKinnon would score then I could cheer and bang on the glass," said the diehard Mooseheads fan.

But MacKinnon, Cherry's captain, didn't score, neither did his Mooseheads linemate Jonathan Drouin as Team Orr won the by the 3-0 score before 10,595 fans.

But like Yzerman, McLellan could see the brighter side.

"It was a really good game and a lot of action," she said.

Yzerman, who was among

a few former NHLers on hand along with countless scouts, was watching for his Tampa Bay Lightning squad, which he is the general manager of.

"It's been a really entertaining game," said Yzerman. "The kids are playing hard and it's been a little more physical than I expected, big play and goaltenders. I'm very happy I made the trip out here."

Though Drouin and MacKinnon didn't have the offensive nights they wanted, Yzerman could see the bigger picture.

"Nathan and Jonathan are exceptional skaters. Nathan's stride and power are remarkable. They're both just special players and will go high in the draft. Fucale is very athletic and quick. Halifax has done a great job drafting them."

Fan Chris Frey took in the game and was more than happy with what he saw.

"This has been fantastic to see all these talented players on one stage put on a great show," he said.

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Make it pretty

Coun. Mason pushes for funds to keep downtown looking fresh

The councillor for downtown Halifax is urging city staff to find funds for high-level public-view streetscaping in the capital district, saying it's currently too run-down to compete with privately owned commercial counterparts.

"The example that one of the downtown businesses used to me was, 'It wouldn't look like this in Dartmouth Crossing,'" Coun. Wayne Mason told finance staff members at the audit and finance committee meeting on Wednesday. "We look shabby in these areas."

Mason said there's no funds regularly budgeted for basic cosmetic maintenance at street level, the kind of upkeep that would freshen the paint on lightposts and replace cracked concrete rather than patch it with asphalt.

The Spring Garden Road area is about to undergo a major facelift, thanks to a \$25-million infrastructure renewal that involves replacing water and sewer pipes and "undergrounding" power lines.

Mason said the "pretty stuff on top" will cost only about \$2 million to \$3 million, and said that kind of money should be available for ongoing spruce-ups throughout downtown Halifax and Dartmouth.

"What I'm trying to get at is dedicated funding for the capital district ... because right now it just doesn't look nearly as attractive as the newer commercial districts."

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

Canal Greenway delay upsets councillors

Broken promise. No money for Shubenacadie Greenway project



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An overview of HRM's projected budget for 2013-14 did not include a major Dartmouth project, to the dismay of at least three councillors and the mayor.

The budget includes just \$300,000 for the Shubenacadie Canal Greenway, a trail running along Prince Albert Road that will showcase the historic marine railway system from

Dartmouth Cove to Sullivan's Pond.

Councillors Gloria McCluskey and Darreb Fisher said they'd been told that more than \$2 million would be in the 2013-14 budget, and construction could begin this summer.

"Public consultations on that project started in 2001," said Fisher. "This is beyond disappointing."

Coun. Barry Dalrymple, member of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission, said the members had been told work would start this year.

Mayor Mike Savage said that was the belief among residents too, and asked staff to explain the delay.

HRM manager of Infrastructure

Explanation

"There is a very strong understanding there was more coming forward on this, so I'd like to get some explanation on that." Mayor Mike Savage



and Asset Management Terry Gallagher said the \$2.6 million will be available in 2014, and construction can't start before then.

"We don't have the time to

get the detail drawings together, to tender, and award," he said.

Gallagher met with members of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission Wednesday afternoon to inform them of the delay.

Commission director Allan Billard said it was disappointing news, noting the project was delayed once already, but said the in-person meeting was an improvement in communications.

"The money is there for 2014, but if there's another excuse to not do it, we still don't have any guarantees," he said. "At least they came out and told us, so we're optimistic that maybe they mean it this time."



Grey's anatomy: 10 cm of snow, chill in the air

A pedestrian runs down Young Avenue in Halifax on Wednesday afternoon during the snowy weather. Upwards of 10 centimetres was forecast, with the snow expected to stop overnight. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Foul play not suspected

Missing woman's body found

Foul play isn't suspected after a woman's body was found Wednesday morning under the Macdonald Bridge. Police were called at 9:17 a.m. by military police. The victim is being identified as 31-year-old Robin Armstrong, who had been missing since Friday.

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Sexual assault

Preliminary hearing set for accused in confinement case

The date for a preliminary hearing has been set for a man accused of sexually assaulting and confining a 16-year-old boy.

David James Leblanc faces seven charges, including sexual assault, sexual assault causing bodily harm, forcible

confinement and kidnapping.

The 47-year-old is to return to court April 29 for a one-day hearing in Bridgewater. The RCMP launched an investigation in September after a woman in rural Upper Chelsea reported that a frightened, barefoot boy showed up at her doorstep with chains around his wrists and ankles.

Police say the youth later told them he had been held captive and sexually abused for about a week.



David James Leblanc

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Leblanc was arrested Sept. 30 in northern Ontario.

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Federal funding

Preserving historic Round Church

The federal government says it will spend \$20,000 to preserve a historic site in Halifax best known as the Round Church.

St. George's Anglican Church is the only 19th century example of a round church in Canada.

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Hayden Mitchell

Missing teen found safe

Halifax police have located a missing male youth.

Hayden Mitchell, 15, had been last seen on Friday leaving his Spencer Avenue home in Halifax at about 8 a.m. On Wednesday, police say he was located unharmed after he showed up for school.

METRO

Dal students pick sides on team hazing suspension

Women's hockey.

University president upholds decision, team considers legal action



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The president of Dalhousie University has upheld the suspension of the school's women's hockey team in a move that second-year student Sara Daley called "exactly right."

Members of the university team met with president Tom Traves on Monday to raise concerns that the suspensions of all but the first-year players due to hazing allegations were extreme.

On Wednesday, the university reported all of the suspensions would stand, prompting mixed reactions from students.

"It was against the rules. They broke the rules, they got punished for it. I thought it was handled really well," Daley said on the school's campus Wednesday.

The school investigated hazing allegations stemming from a team house party in September.

Dalhousie said the party

involved heavy drinking and intimidation, which are against the school's zero-tolerance hazing policy.

The team has stated alcohol was not forced on anyone, and the girls were only asked to dress up in odd clothes and eat sardines with whipped cream.

"I don't think it should be considered hazing. It's kind of fun, it's in the spirit of the team," said Kenzie Morrison, a third-year University of King's College student.

"To weigh so heavily on an outside activity that doesn't necessarily involve the whole team, to detriment the entire team... is a little extreme."

Kenisse Trotman, a second-year student at Dalhousie, said hazing can easily go from fun to dangerous in a short amount of time.

"I feel like sports teams think of it like no big deal, but then when it gets serious they all feel bad," Trotman said.

Alex Finck, another Dalhousie student, said the fact the team has said it is considering legal action is poor sportsmanship. "They could have walked away with it with some dignity... you know 'we did wrong, we'll come back next year, we'll do better next year,'" Finck said.

"The legal challenge just makes it look like sour grapes."



A pedestrian walks past Dalhousie University on Wednesday. Students have mixed reactions to the school's suspension of the entire women's hockey team following accusations of team hazing. HALEY RYAN/METRO

Weighing in

"All teams do it, it's a really common thing. I kind of think they should just let them play hockey, honestly."

Jamie Jensen, second-year Dalhousie student.

"I think they still should be able to compete. That's what they're here for."

Charles Roy, fourth-year Dalhousie student

"When it comes to hazing I think it should be cracked down."

Shelby Taylor, second-year year Dalhousie student.

"That's way too harsh because I think hazing can be a good part of group dynamic."

Cameron McNaughton, fourth-year Dalhousie student.

Michelin, premier to announce tire-plant funding



Premier Darrell Dexter METRO

The North American president of Michelin and Premier Darrell Dexter are expected to announce funding Thursday for the company's tire plant in the province's Annapolis Valley.

Dana LeBlanc and Dexter are scheduled to attend the announcement in Waterville, where Michelin employs about 1,300 people.

A spokeswoman for the company says the announcement is positive news for the factory, but declined to

give further details.

Michelin postponed plans for an announcement in Waterville last July and at the time didn't give any reasons for its decision.

The tire manufacturer has been looking at expanding its operations in the community.

Last May, Dexter announced the launch of a study that would look at relocating the Waterville Municipal Airport to allow for expansion at Michelin.

Employees

3,500

The company employs about 3,500 throughout the province.

That study was expected to be complete by the end of October.

A spokeswoman for the government says it has a draft of the study but needs

more time to review it and brief local councillors before releasing it.

Michelin announced a \$72-million investment along with a \$10-million contribution from the province for the Waterville plant in 2006.

At the time, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency also provided a \$10-million loan, with the bulk of that money due to be repaid in 2041.

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Get back to work, tugboat owner tells crew

Detained vessel. Men ought to fix problems instead of heading home, says president of Vesta Shipping

The crew of a cockroach-infested tugboat detained in Halifax for safety problems should fix them instead of appealing to the public for help to return to their homes in Central Amer-

ica, the owner of the vessel said Wednesday.

Eight crew members have been living aboard the 68-year-old Craig Trans since Dec. 18, when it sailed into Halifax to escape a winter gale and Transport Canada inspectors detained it, citing poor living conditions, pollution and concerns over its seaworthiness.

The Mission to Seafarers launched a public appeal for help on the crew's behalf to cover the costs of flying them back

Quoted

"Most deficiencies they have are cosmetic things."

Gerard Antoine, president of Vesta Shipping, who says he believes the problems on the boat can be fixed in about two weeks.

to their families in Honduras and El Salvador. The group said it has raised about \$7,000 in cash and enough Aeroplan points to fly them home, but is waiting for the points to be

transferred to the sailors.

But Gerard Antoine, the president of Vesta Shipping, which owns the tugboat, said the crew should stay on board the vessel, repair it and complete a journey to Montreal to pick up another vessel and tow it to Mexico. "I didn't send them home," he said from his office in New Jersey. "Unless the person is sick ... you sign something to come to Canada and to go to Mexico. You have a contract." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Lon Terrons Tatum Tatum, chief engineer on the tugboat Craig Trans, stands on the deck of the vessel in Halifax on Monday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brunswick Street

Police raid leads to drug charges

Two Halifax men are facing drug charges following a police raid at a residence in the 2500 block of Brunswick Street at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Police seized 500 codeine pills, 15 grams of marijuana, 85 hydromorphone pills, drug paraphernalia and \$7,000 in cash. Antonio Carvery, 26, and Ashley Lord, 25, face charges of possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking, possession of drugs and numerous breaches of court orders. **METRO**

Laura Jessome case

Bail hearing for Deruelle delayed

The bail hearing for one of two men charged in connection with the death of Laura Jessome has been adjourned to Jan. 29 to give him more time to find a legal aid lawyer.

Bryan Augustine Deruelle, 37, appeared in Sydney provincial court Wednesday on a charge of accessory after the fact to murder. Morgan James MacNeil, 21, faces a second-degree murder charge in the case. He returns to court on Tuesday. **CAPE BRETON POST**

Harsh reality. Survivor winner's property part of CBRM tax sale

Land owned by the winner of a popular reality television show is among the numerous pieces of property included in the next Cape Breton Regional Municipality tax sale.

Lien No. 52, a piece of property in Sydney's north end, is owned by one Richard Hatch Jr., the winner of the first Survivor show in 2000 that arguably launched the reality show period of television.

The parcel of land on Yorke Street is now among 65 pieces of property available for the tax sale, to be held on Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. during a public auction at Centre 200.

"This particular one here is an immediate deed which

By the numbers

\$2,722.45

Hatch can only reclaim the property in question by paying the \$2,722.45 owed in taxes prior to the start of the upcoming tax sale.

means he owes more than six years (taxes), so if somebody comes to the sale and bids on that property and is the successful bidder they own it that day," said Dale Young, an employee in the CBRM tax office.

"So if he owed less than six years he would still have six months after the sale to come back to redeem his property."

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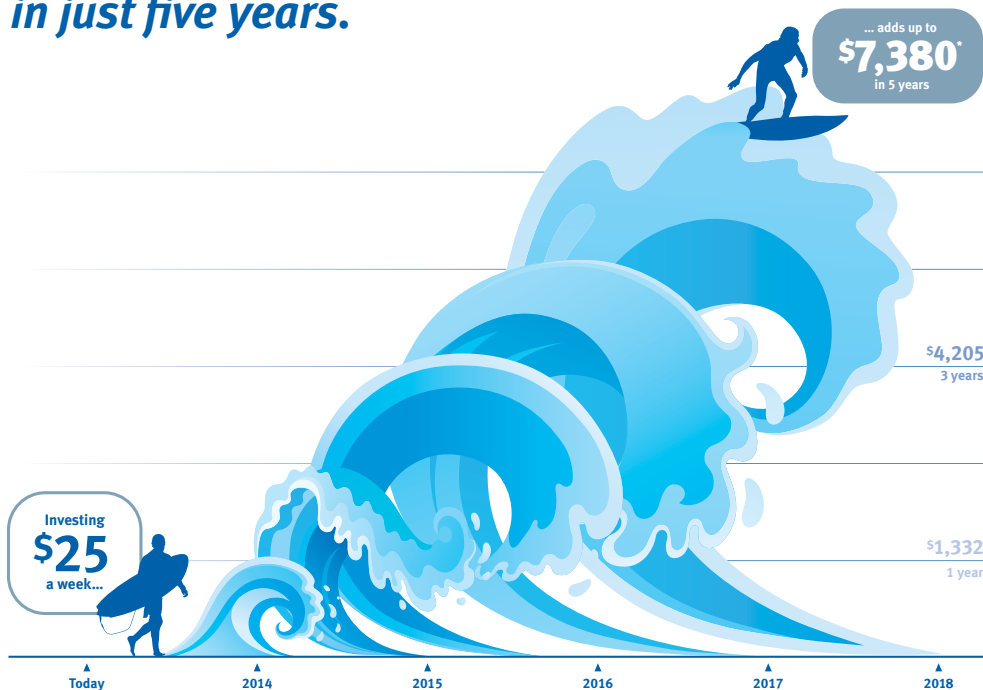


Richard Hatch, winner of the first season of Survivor. GETTY IMAGES FILE



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Obama announces \$500-million strategy to combat gun violence

Your move, Congress. U.S. president bracing for blowback from gun owners, lawmakers and lobbyists

President Barack Obama on Wednesday launched the most sweeping effort to curb U.S. gun violence in nearly two decades, announcing a \$500-million package that sets up a fight with Congress over bans on

military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines just a month after a shooting in Connecticut killed 20 school children.

Obama signed 23 executive actions, which require no congressional approval. But the president, speaking at the White House, acknowledged the most sweeping, effective actions must be taken by lawmakers.

"To make a real and lasting difference ... Congress must act soon," Obama said.

The president appealed to the nation's conscience, but his announcement promises to lead to a bitter fight with a powerful pro-gun lobby that has long warned supporters that Obama wanted to take away their guns.

The U.S. has the highest rate of gun ownership in the world, and pro-gun groups see any move on gun restrictions as an offence against the right guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Critics counter that the coun-

try's founding fathers never could have foreseen assault weapons more than two centuries ago, when guns — often stored in community areas — were intended for the common, not individual, defence and rifles fired one laborious shot at a time.

"This is the land of the free and the home of the brave," Obama said, acknowledging the right to bear arms. "But we've also long realized ... that with rights come responsibilities." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

President's daughters

NRA ad is 'cowardly': White House

The White House says a National Rifle Association video that makes reference to President Barack Obama's daughters is "repugnant and cowardly."

The comments referred to an online video from the pro-gun lobby that calls Obama an "elitist hypocrite" for having armed Secret Service agents protect his daughters at school while voicing skepticism about installing armed guards in all schools.

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Posing as American

Gun buyer ordered to leave U.S.

A Canadian man has been sentenced to nearly 16 months in prison for lying in order to buy guns in the U.S.

Federal prosecutors say 35-year-old Jeremy Gertsch, of Oka, Que., was also sentenced Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to three years of probation. Because he had already served his sentence awaiting trial, he was ordered back to Canada and told not to return to the U.S.

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Twitter troller

Celeb harasser put on probation

A Quebecer who used Twitter to harass celebrities, including singer Avril Lavigne and Montreal Canadiens forward Max Pacioretty, has been put on probation for two years.

Jean-Francois Champagne has also been sentenced to 140 hours of community service.

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Misdiagnoses

Breast-screening apps a bust: Study

Smartphone apps that analyze photos of moles to assess whether they might be potentially deadly melanoma or benign lesions vary widely in accuracy, say researchers, who warn patients against using them for a diagnosis.

A study of four such applications found they incorrectly classified at least 30 per cent of melanomas as being of no concern. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Idling on the Ambassador Bridge

Idle No More protesters march toward the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, Ont., on Wednesday. About 1,000 demonstrators disrupted traffic to the country's busiest border crossing for several hours. Amid pleas from aboriginal leaders for civility on both sides, peaceful protest appeared to be the order of the day across Canada. However, motives varied. Some groups spoke of their own land claims; others decried the federal government's changes to environmental oversight. Still others spoke of the need to honour all First Nations treaties.

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Judgments. Vancouver student's provocative photo sparks discussion

The words are written all the way up the back of the woman's leg. "Matronly" appears at her calf, "proper" at the knee and "whore" at the very top — words meant to reflect how women are often perceived based on the length of their skirt.

The provocative photo, called Judgments, was posted by Rosea Lake, a first-year university student at Capilano University in Vancouver, B.C., on her Tumblr site in early January. In a matter of days the photo exploded, with more than 280,000 people liking and re-blogging it.

She took the photo as part of a high school art project last year as a way to reassess her assumptions and preconceptions about how women dress.

"If you see a girl wearing something you see as distasteful, then you automatically discount them as a person and you don't give them the opportunity to really be somebody in your eyes," said Lake, 18. "And that's really shameful."

She says the image is also meant to be a response to rape



Student Rosea Lake's photo, titled Judgments. HANDOUT

culture. Right under the words slut and whore on model Ali Mackenzie's leg are the words "asking for it."

Lake says that, living in a "rough neighbourhood," she has often wondered if her outfit will result in her being "sexually harassed or verbally abused."

"These are the things I think about, and I don't think women ... should have to worry about, 'Am I going to be raped because of what I am wearing today?'" **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

DNA. Behaviour of bullying victims linked to genes, study suggests

The episodes of bullying that mar early grade-school years for hundreds of children may be a partial result of the victim's DNA, a new study suggested Wednesday.

The behaviours that most often lead to exclusion and victimization in the classroom or schoolyard have their roots in a student's genes, the study said, arguing that children's genetic makeup has a direct impact on the quality of the

interactions they enjoy with their peers.

The findings were published on the website of the journal Child Development.

Michel Boivin, lead researcher and psychology professor at Université Laval, said a child's genes will often dictate the way they act, which will in turn shape their experiences both in and out of the classroom.

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Helicopter goes down on busy London street

Two dead. Pilot and a man on the ground killed after chopper collided with crane in foggy weather

A helicopter crashed into a crane and fell on a crowded street in central London during rush hour Wednesday, sending flames and smoke into the air. The pilot and one person on the ground were killed and 13 others injured, officials said.

The pilot had requested to divert to the nearby London Heliport because of bad weather, the site said in a statement.

The company identified the pilot as Peter Barnes, 50, whose career included flying in films such as Saving Private Ryan and Die Another Day.

"He was a very highly skilled pilot, one of the most experienced in the U.K., with over 12,000 flying hours," said Philip Amadeus, managing director of RotorMotion, a helicopter charter business.



The crash site in Vauxhall, south London. LEWIS WHYLD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police identified the other fatality as 39-year-old Matthew Wood, from south London.

The crash unfolded at the height of the morning commute when thousands of pedestrians in the area were trying to get to work. The weather at the time was overcast and misty, with fog and poor visibility, according to the Met Office weather forecasting service.

William Belsey, 25, a land-

scape worker at the scene, said he heard the impact.

"Luckily the crane operator was late for work.... He picked a good day to be late," Belsey said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sudden panic

"I was 100 per cent sure it was a terrorist attack."

Allen Crosbie, site manager for a landscaping firm working at the scene

Underestimated. Survey suggests energy-drink danger on the rise in U.S.

A new U.S. government survey suggests the number of people seeking emergency treatment after downing energy drinks has doubled in the last four years as the industry surged.

From 2007 to 2011, the government estimates the annual number of emergency-room visits shot up from about 10,000 to more than 20,000. Most involved teens or young adults, according to a survey released last week.

The report calls energy-drink consumption a "rising public health problem" that can cause insomnia, headache, fast heartbeat and seizures.

"A lot of people don't realize the strength of these things. I had someone come in recently who had drunk three energy drinks in an hour, which is the equivalent of 15 cups of coffee," said Howard Mell, an emergency physician in Cleveland.

In 2011, about 42 per cent of the cases involved energy drinks in combination with alcohol or drugs, such as the stimulants Adderall or Ritalin.

"I saw one young man who had mixed energy drinks with alcohol.... He was so dehydrated he had renal failure," said Dr.



Dr. Steve Sun has seen an increase in such cases in San Francisco. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steve Sun of San Francisco. "Because he was young he did well ... but if another patient had had underlying coronary artery disease, it could have led to a heart attack."

The findings follow reports from last fall of 18 deaths possibly tied to the drinks — including a 14-year-old girl who died after drinking two large cans of Monster Energy.

Two senators are calling for the Food and Drug Administration to investigate safety concerns about energy drinks.

In 2011, sales volume for the drinks rose by almost 17 per cent, Beverage Digest found.

The industry says there is no proof linking its products to adverse reactions.

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Sex ed

Teacher banned over porn history

A California teacher fired after students learned she had appeared in pornographic movies has been told by a three-judge commission that she can't return to the classroom.

Halas' decision to "engage in pornography was incompatible with her responsibilities as a role model for students," district superintendent Jeff Chancer said in a statement.

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Josef Fritzl

Man tried to name pub after rapist

Polish authorities have cancelled the lease for a cellar pub that was to be named after Josef Fritzl, an Austrian man serving a life sentence for locking his daughter in a basement, raping her and fathering her seven children.

A businessman had planned to open "Fritzl's Cellar" in Warsaw in what he described as a "publicity stunt."

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France needs to borrow our plane a bit longer; could use some cash, too

Trouble in Mali.

French envoy says money is needed from Canada and others to support fight against Islamist extremists

France is looking for financial backing from Canada and the world to support the international military mission in Mali, says the country's Canadian envoy.

Ambassador Philippe Zeller also said Canada's contribution of a C-17 military transport plane could be extended beyond the initial one-week commitment.

"It's possible that this plane, that came from Trenton to south of France, might be used for some more time," the envoy said Wednesday, just after his president, Francois Hollande, spoke to Prime Minister Stephen Harper by telephone.

Harper's office made no mention of extending the



Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird hosted a discussion about the situation in Mali Wednesday in Ottawa. The talks were with, from back right, Philippe Zeller, France's Ambassador to Canada; Traore Ami Diallo, Mali's Ambassador to Canada; and Goran Kouame, Ivory Coast's Ambassador to Canada. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

C-17 mission in a statement about the telephone call.

Zeller told The Canadian Press that his country is grateful for Canada's contribution of a military transport plane

to the Mali mission but says money is needed to support the international force, which will eventually be buttressed by 2,500 French troops.

"Of course, it's up to Can-

ada," Zeller said in a wide-ranging interview prior to his meeting Wednesday with Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird and the ambassadors from Mali and the Ivory Coast.

Ivory Coast President Alassane Ouattara is current chair of the Economic Community of West African States, a key regional bloc.

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On the ground

Militants try to blend in

French soldiers pressed north in Mali territory occupied by radical Islamists on Wednesday, launching a land assault that was to put them in direct combat with al-Qaida-linked fighters "in one to 72 hours," military officials said.

Their presumed destination was the town of Diabaly, where fleeing residents said Islamist extremists were melting into the population to avoid being targeted by the French.

"They have beards. And they wear boubous (a flowing robe). No one approaches them. Everyone is afraid," said Ibrahim Komnotogo, who was out of town when the militants seized Diabaly over the weekend.

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Americans among hostages taken in revenge for Mali



Mali National Guard soldiers stand at Bamako's airport Wednesday, where French troops are also based. Two people were killed and dozens of others taken hostage in Algeria as an act of revenge against those who support France's military operation in Mali. JEROME DELAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In what could be the first spill-over from France's intervention in Mali, Islamist militants attacked and occupied a natural-gas complex in southern Algeria on Wednesday. Two people were killed, and dozens of others, including several Americans, were reportedly taken hostage.

A militant group claimed responsibility for the rare attack on one of oil-rich Algeria's energy facilities, saying it came in revenge for the North African nation's support for France's military operation against al-Qaida-linked rebels in neighbouring Mali. The militants said

they were holding 41 foreigners from the energy complex, including seven Americans.

The group — called Katibat Moulathamine, or the Masked Brigade — phoned a Mauritanian news outlet to say one of its affiliates had carried out the operation at the Ain Amenas gas field, located 1,300 kilometres south of Algiers, the Algerian capital.

BP, together with the Norwegian company Statoil and the Algerian state oil company Sonatrach, operates the gas field. A Japanese company, JGC Corp, provides services for the facility as well.

In Rome, U.S. Defence Secretary Leon Panetta declared that the U.S. "will take all necessary and proper steps" to deal with the attack in Algeria. He would not detail what such steps might be but condemned the action as "terrorist attack" and likened it to al-Qaida activities in Pakistan, Afghanistan and in the United States on 9/11.

Algeria's top security official, Interior Minister Daho Ould Kabila, said that "security forces have surrounded the area and cornered the terrorists, who are in one wing of the complex's living quarters."

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Those dead, wounded

Algeria's top security official, Interior Minister Daho Ould Kabila, said that "security forces have surrounded the area and cornered the terrorists."

- He said one Briton and one Algerian were killed in the attack, while a Norwegian and two other Britons were among the six wounded.



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Social media. Who is ghost-tweeting, and who is for real?

About 290,000 people follow Prime Minister Stephen Harper on Twitter, perhaps to read what he has to say about the country's affairs or to glean a little personal insight into what makes him tick.

Thing is, most of the messages that are sent from his account aren't really his.

Harper only "occasionally" sends out tweets himself, according to a spokesperson.

Much like many other high-profile Twitter users, most of the short-form messages that appear under Harper's name and avatar are actually crafted by ghost-tweeters charged to work social media on his behalf.

"I assume if it's an institutional individual — if it's a CEO, if it's a big personality, a singer, or it's a politician — then they are not doing it themselves," said Greg Elmer, director of the Infoscape Research Lab at Ryerson University studying social media. "It's another example of public relations, it's professionally managed communications."

It's tough to know whose tweets to trust. Sure, there's Twitter's official verified stamp of approval, letting users know the account isn't run by an imposter, but that doesn't confirm who actually writes the tweets.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks into the crowd during a Jan. 14 press conference in Montreal. If you thought all Harper's tweets were written by the man himself, well, they're not. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"Obviously with some tweets you can sort of gauge if it's a staffer writing it in a very formal way ... but you never really know."

Social media consultant Andrew Escobar

Elmer said reporters and editors should take a harder line on confirming who actually wrote a tweet if they plan to attribute words to someone.

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Russia

Court won't defer sentence for Pussy Riot member

A Russian court has turned down an attempt by an imprisoned Pussy Riot band member to defer serving her sentence for hooliganism until her preschool son becomes a teenager. Maria Alekhina asked the court in Berezniki, a Urals Mountain city near her prison, to let her serve the rest of her two-year sentence after her five-year-old son turns 14. She argued that separation from her young child now would do irreparable psychological damage to him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Houston

Man charged with vandalizing Picasso to stay jailed

A man accused of vandalizing a 1929 Pablo Picasso painting — an act that was caught on cellphone video — must remain jailed on \$500,000 U.S. bonds because he is a flight risk, a Houston judge ruled Wednesday. Uriel Landeros, 22, is charged with graffiti and criminal mischief felonies in the June 13 incident. Prosecutors say he spray painted on Woman in a Red Armchair at the Menil Collection in Houston. The painting is still being restored. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Meet the granddaddy of cosmic structures

Startling discovery.

Massive quasar group pokes holes in Einstein's Cosmological Principle, which says that the universe is symmetrical

An international team of astronomers has found the largest structure ever in the universe.

The large quasar group is so big, it would take four billion years to cross it, travelling at the speed of light. By comparison, it would take just 2.5 million light years to get to the Andromeda Galaxy, our closest neighbour in the universe.

A staggering leap in size isn't the only piece of cosmic lore the discovery has shattered, however.

"The structure we found is a few per cent, say five per cent, of the size of the observable universe. It becomes hard to say the universe is uniform," lead author Dr. Roger Clowes of the University of Lancashire told Torstar News Service.

The modern theory known as the Cosmological Principle, the work of Albert Einstein, says the universe is symmetrical: the same in all directions.

"Ours is the most dramatic challenge to that," said Clowes.

What does that mean? It "upsets the foundation of everything we do."

Clinging to the Cosmological Principle "makes life a lot simpler mathematically, so people have stuck with it for a



This gigantic structure, which scientists have named Huge-LQG, is a never-before seen cluster of 73 quasars.

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What is it?

- Large quasar groups are supermassive black holes typically at the centre of galaxies.
- The gigantic structure spotted by Dr. Roger Clowes of the University of Lancashire, with work from astronomers at the University of Chile, the University of Oxford and California Institute of Technology, is a never-before seen cluster of 73 quasars.
- Clowes's earlier work in discovering large quasar groups has found structures "that have come close to challenging" the idea of a symmetrical universe. This one hits it out of the celestial ballpark. "We were very surprised, of course, because it was so big," said Clowes. "I sent the details over to my collaborator at the University of Chile and his response was 'What is that?'"

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Cirque du soleil to let go of 400 staff

Blame the loonie.
Company says they had a record year, but no profit due in part to production costs

The strong Canadian dollar, surging production costs and the worldwide economic downturn are all being blamed by Cirque du soleil for its decision to lay off 400 employees.

Most of the layoffs will be at the artistic giant's Montreal headquarters.

Company spokeswoman Renée-Claude Ménard moved to dispel speculation the Cirque is flailing.

"The first thing to say is that the circus is not in crisis," Ménard told a news conference Wednesday. "Let's get that straight."

"We had a record year in terms of tickets sold. We sold more than 14 million tickets this year. We had a record year for total revenue, with more than \$1 billion."

Despite that, Cirque didn't make money, Ménard said.

She said the powerful loonie hit Cirque hard in that its profit is affected by nearly \$3 million for each cent the currency gains against the U.S. dollar.

The layoffs will begin by the end of this month and continue until the end of March.



Performers from Cirque du soleil perform onstage during the 84th annual Academy Awards last year in Hollywood. Despite a boom year in revenue, Cirque says it will lay off workers due to a lack of profits. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Cirque employs about 5,000 people worldwide, including 2,000 in Montreal.

It still has 19 productions being presented worldwide and is currently working on a new show that will open in May in Las Vegas.

Another touring production that will open in the spring of 2014 in Montreal is also in the works.

Cirque's performances have played to an estimated 15 million people since it was founded by street performer Guy Laliberté in 1984.

It has undertaken sev-

eral years of unprecedented expansion amid the world economic meltdown in 2008 but has been forced to close four shows in the last couple of years.

Zed, which was playing to solid audiences at Tokyo Disney, ran from 2008 to 2011, when it was retired in the aftermath of an earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan. The popular Saltimbanco, which originally ran from 1992 to 2006, ended last year after a new tour.

Viva Elvis, which got mixed reviews, ran from February 2010 in Las Vegas

and wound up last August. Zaia, Cirque's first resident show in Asia, ran from 2008 until last year and recorded lacklustre attendance.

A fifth show, Iris, is due to end its run in Los Angeles on Saturday, though there are reports Cirque plans to take the show on tour.

Cirque's 3D movie is reportedly doing respectable business internationally. Box Office Mojo reports Cirque du soleil: Worlds Away has made more than \$23 million worldwide since it opened Dec. 21.

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Employment

Applicants with disabilities overlooked: Panel

Many companies struggling to find the right employees are overlooking a talented pool of disabled workers, a government-commissioned panel has found.

The group found that almost 800,000 people with disabilities can work in Canada and almost half of them have post-secondary education.

The panel of private-sector employers was assembled by the federal government last summer and was asked to figure out how to better match job openings with the skills of workers with disabilities.

Their report says that when companies hire people with disabilities, no special accommodation is required in 57 per cent of cases. When arrangements are necessary, the average cost to the company is just \$500. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Yeah, you heard me.

I'm insulting those of you who

haven't received your flu shots yet — you doofuses or, if you prefer, doofii — because I figure if you haven't been jabbed yet, you're probably not going to get the late-but-still-effective poke due only to the gentle prodding of health-care providers. What you need is someone to needle you.

So get a flu shot, jackass.

And make no mistake: By not getting a flu shot you're being a jackass — a risk-taking, disease-spreading, conspiracy-minded (or maybe just lazy) jackass.

Take one for the team

Here's what I think: If you don't get your flu shot, maybe you're not that bright. Maybe you're the type of person who snickers when they read that something was published in the Annals of Family Medicine.

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Or maybe you base your health decisions on a YouTube video of a 1993 news report showing that a lone person in Iowa once got sick from a flu shot, which always makes me wonder what you think of, you know, food — what with the choking and the poisoning and the parasites.

Or maybe you're the sort of person who reads this TMZ tweet — "Hugh Jackman (says) flu shots don't work. Center for disease control says otherwise. Which side do you believe?" — and hasn't answered by the time they've read "Jackman."

Or maybe you just haven't gotten a flu shot because you're a sensible person who hasn't gotten around to it. Fine. Then here's why you need to get it:

- **The flu shot helps.** Estimates this year are that it cuts your risk in half. That means I'm 50 per cent less dangerous than you are and 3,000 per cent more intelligent.
- **The flu shot is necessary.** You can't get by just with hand-washing — not in a cruel, unsanitary world where many public bathrooms still have that towel-imitating cloth-thing that dangles down from a dispenser daring you to touch it. Most people just frown at it, their hands dripping, wondering what heinous acts might have been performed on it, only to leave it there, filthy, yet probably touched only 15 times, tops, since it was installed in 1973.
- **The flu shot saves lives.** Thousands — tens of thousands — of people die on average every year in North America because of the flu, and like most illnesses, it's particularly harsh on our most vulnerable, including our humour columnists, who don't get paid if they're too sick to go to work.

So I'm not trying to be holier-than-thou. I'm trying to drive home that I don't want the old, the young and infirm to get sick or worse, because they caught the flu from selfish, crazy you. In other words, I only complain because I care about you, want the best for you and, yes, maybe even love you.

You jackass.



Go on, get your flu shot. JESSICA KOURKOUNIS/GETTY IMAGES

A storm is a-brewin'



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Man-made weather

Artificial tornado fights fires indoors

It's famous worldwide for making robust Mercedes cars, and now German automobile producer Daimler seems adept at making weather. The Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart houses "the world's strongest artificially generated tornado." The 34.4-metre-high cyclone serves to eliminate smoke in the event of a fire. **METRO**

Artificial tornadoes

Energy firm could whip up a storm

Apart from quelling fires, man-made tornadoes could be used in producing energy. Canadian firm AVEtec Energy Corporation has developed a four-metre-diameter prototype that is designed to produce a 40-metre-high cyclone. The vortex would capture mechanical energy produced when heat is carried upward by convection in the atmosphere. **METRO**

Faking it

Man creates clouds for art's sake

Artificial weather phenomena has also entered the realm of the art world.

Dutch artist Berndnaut Smilde has created miniature clouds using a smoke machine, combined with indoor moisture and dramatic lighting to create an indoor cloud effect.

Smilde has described it as a "cartoon-like visualization of bad luck." **METRO**

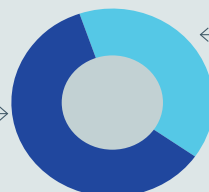


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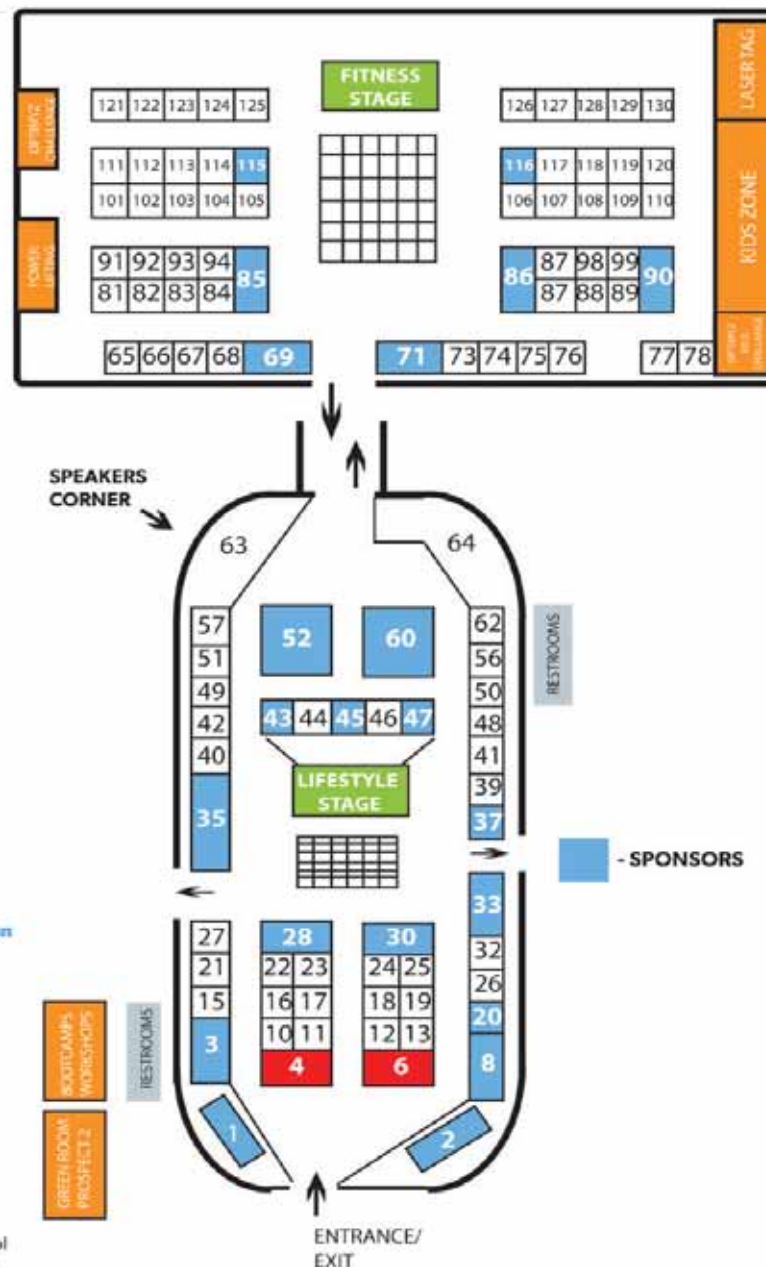


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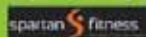
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1:00-1:30 Chef Ivano Zamboti - Risotto Classico
2:00-2:30 Monica MacNeil - Experience the UNESCO Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve
3:00-3:45 RBC Olympic Panel
4:00-4:30 Krista Leck Merner - Eat This, Not That!
5:00-5:30 Chef Rich Julien - Myocardial Cooking: A culinary journey after a heart attack
5:30-6:00 Illusions Rhythmic Gymnastics

Sunday, January 20th

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11:30-12:00 Chef Roger - Atlantica Hotel & Marina Oak Island
1:00-1:30 Wendy McCallum - Real Food for Real Families
1:30-2:00 Laurie Barker Jackman & Chef Miranda - Taste & Learn
2:00-2:30 Luke Corey - Nutrition 101: Getting back to the basics
3:00-3:30 Mary Comfort - The Luxury Bucket List
4:00-4:30 Chef Mar - Live Teppanyaki Show

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Saturday, January 19th

- 11:00-12:00** Genuine Health - Happy Fit Buddy Up with Bodyweight (Prospect 1)
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2:00-3:15 Tommy Europe - SHRED Bootcamp (Prospect 1)
3:30-4:30 Tommy Europe - Yoga/Meditation (Prospect 1)
4:30-5:30 Cyclone Cycling - Indoor Cycling (Prospect 3)

Sunday, January 20th

- 11:00-12:00** Genuine Health - Happy Fit Buddy Up with Bodyweight (Prospect 1)
12:00-12:30 Sensory Perceptions Workshop w/ Vanessa Ross - Get Energized and Be all You Can Be for 2013! (Prospect 3)
2:00-3:15 lululemon yoga (prospect 1)
3:30-4:30 GoodLife Fitness - Body Attack (Prospect 1)

SCENE 2

He's got a friend in music

Triumph and Disaster.

Charlie A'Court is back after a six year hiatus from recording



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Rummaging through his father's record collection, local musician Charlie A'Court would get lost in the voices and stories of Sammy Davis Jr., Otis Redding and Sam Cooke.

"The way they would sing, it always seemed that there was a direct and raw connection to a well of emotion and that always had an impact on the way I would deliver my own music," he said.

With his keen ear for the singer/songwriters of his own generation, A'Court continues to successfully draw from these inspirations and, after a six year hiatus from recording, has channelled it into his latest studio album, *Triumph and Disaster*.

"There were several ups and downs in my life, including losing family members and people I was working with, to getting married and starting my own family," he said.

With album titles like *Bring on the Storm*, *Colour Me Gone* and *Alone*, this 2007 East Coast Music Award winner admits that his process and production is cheaper than seeking professional help.

"I can't afford a therapist so the music has always been the confidant that I've been able to rely on during those darker times when I felt like giving up — the music has encouraged me to go on," he said.

"I always explain to others



Charlie A'Court will be on the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium stage on Saturday night with the Nova Scotia Mass Choir. CONTRIBUTED

Quoted

"As long as the emotion connected with that song is genuine and real, that's what brings the story to life and connects with audiences."

Charlie A'Court

that are getting into music that it will become their best friend."

A'Court performs as a very special guest with the critically

acclaimed Nova Scotia Mass Choir for a musical celebration of the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Saturday night at the Rebecca Cohn.

Show details

- **What.** Nova Scotia Mass Choir: The Dream Continues; 10 Years of Sharing w/special guest Charlie A'Court
- **When.** 7 p.m.
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The Silver Lining and Hunger for fame

Interview. Jennifer Lawrence speaks to Metro about adjusting to the limelight and how she has managed to stay grounded

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Talking to Golden Globe winner and Oscar nominee Jennifer Lawrence is always a treat, as she's the rare young actress who talks frankly and honestly about whatever she feels like without a hint of media training.

Here are some pearls of wisdom from our latest chat with the Silver Linings Playbook and Hunger Games star.

On adjusting to stardom
I feel so bad for Emma Stone, because she's where I was a few months ago. When it first happens, it's horrible because your entire life flips upside down and the entire planet starts treating you differently, and it's really hard to adjust and get used to, but then you get through it.



Actress Jennifer Lawrence is a Golden Globe winner and Oscar nominee. CHRISTOPHER POLK/GETTY IMAGES

People told me that it would come in waves, and they were right.

I texted Emma yesterday and I was like, "I'm walking down Rodeo Drive. Nothing!" And she was like, "The audacity!" (laughs). But yeah, there are bad days and there are good days.

On what she's learned from

Bradley Cooper

He was the one who told me I can't go to Whole Foods (anymore), and I tested it and he was totally right. The paparazzi, they're like at every Whole Foods, it's insane. I had to say goodbye to Whole Foods. It's fine, I can get friends to get my groceries. I dipped my foot in the water and I was like, "You know

what, you buy me groceries. I don't want Whole Foods to call the police again."

On trying to gain weight for Silver Linings Playbook

I was supposed to, but I was also dancing two hours a day. I kept trying to explain that to (director) David (O. Russell), because he was like, "You're not getting fatter."

I had a Philly cheesesteak I think every day. They're on every street corner and they're delicious. And then at the end when I finally slowed down the dancing, it was like, "Yeah, I'm looking pretty good, right? Look at this." And then David's like, "Yeah, you're going to be in a tube top."

Quote

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Jennifer Lawrence
On what she's learned from Bradley Cooper.

On trying to stay grounded

I still want the same life that I grew up with. I still want a family, a normal family. I will have to make a couple of adjustments (because of my career). I'm at peace with myself because I think that maybe not having to deal with years of rejection at such a young age — I think that could definitely be damaging.

I can't imagine letting my young child go through something like that.

There were times when I was doing a movie once that was really emotionally hard for me.

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Tattoo number two for Bieber in 2013

Justin Bieber's tattoo habit is insatiable. The 18-year-old singer has already gotten his second piece of body art of 2013, a set of Roman numerals across his collarbone, as revealed in an Instagram photo he posted of himself and producer Jamal Rashid, who got the matching digits on his bicep. In a comment on the photo, Rashid claims the numerals, "I IX VII V," stand for 1975 and have some spiritual meaning, though Bieber hasn't offered an explanation as to the meaning. In any event, if it's meant to be the year 1975, it should be "MCM-LXXV."



Justin Bieber. ALL IMAGES GETTY



Lindsay Lohan

Lohan 'caused \$50,000 worth of hotel damages'

Lindsay Lohan reportedly did enough damage to her room at the W Hotel in New York's Union Square last summer that she's no longer welcome in the hotel, according to Us Weekly. "Her suite had so many

cigarette burns, they had to change all the carpets. She did at least \$50,000 worth of damage while partying," a source says. "She is not allowed back at any W hotel in NYC, ever."

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Prince Harry named world's most eligible bachelor

He may be trouble-prone and lack his older brother's line of ascent to the British throne, but Prince Harry still beats out George Clooney to be named Town & Country magazine's Most Eligible Bachelor in the World for 2013. "He's the wild-card royal, the

naughty one, the one who goes out with women, hangs out with a fast crowd, downs too many drinks, and goes home at the wrong moment. That's why we all like him best," the magazine's editors say. "Harry might not possess a towering intellect — he was a lackadaisical student at Eton, and he skipped university to go to Sandhurst, the English equivalent of West Point — but he is cooler and more appealing than his older brother, sweet as William undoubtedly is."

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Elton John and David Furnish.

Elton John and husband David Furnish celebrate birth of second child

Elton John and David Furnish are parents once again, welcoming their second son, Elijah Joseph Daniel Furnish-John via surrogate late last week in Los Angeles, the singer announced on his website.

"Both of us have longed to have children, but the reality that

we now have two sons is almost unbelievable," John and Furnish tell Hello! magazine. "The birth of our second son completes our family in a most precious and perfect way. It is difficult to fully express how we are feeling at this time; we are just overwhelmed with happiness and excitement." The boy's birth comes just one day after John's rep was flatly denying reports that the couple was expecting another child.

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ANNASOPHIA

In *The Carrie Diaries*, the television prequel to *Sex and the City*, AnnaSophia Robb stars as a 16-year-old, pre-Manolo, pre-Big Carrie Bradshaw — in 1984.

STEPPING INTO ONE STYLISH PAIR OF SHOES

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On putting the makeup on...and taking it off

"I don't really wear makeup anymore. I kind of stopped because when I'm working, I have it on for up to 15 hours a day. So on the weekends or before work, I only put on moisturizer."

'80s makeup — yay or nay?

"Eighties makeup was just a

bunch of colours and crazy neon. I don't know if I love it. The blush was really strong and bright and if you didn't have the skin tone to pull it off, it was way too heavy. But, if you put a piece of paper on your cheek to create that hard, drastic line, that look can be fun."

Her beauty mantra

"Look after your eyebrows! I was given an eyebrow brush on a job once that I still use to this day. My friends make fun of me, but I love it. When I was younger my mother taught me how to apply blush. Get it wrong and there'll be way too much colour and you'll just look

warm. Using bronzer is best."

The secret to nailing Carrie's hair: a wig

"I naturally have straight hair, which takes about two hours to curl, so it's faster for me to wear a wig. Carrie wears a lot of updos on the show, so we've been able to use a lot of fun accessories, banana clips and pins."

If she could raid one SATC closet she'd choose...

"Carrie's. I loved the skirts. She has a wild sense of style."

He's Daman. Designer takes couture-loving character back in time

Eric Daman worked with Pat Field to dress Carrie Bradshaw for *Sex and the City*. Now, the costume designer's dressing her again, albeit a teenage, 1980s version, in the prequel *The Carrie Diaries*. He talks about how he created the wardrobe for her teenage, 1980s life in *The Carrie Diaries*.

The wardrobe was such an important part of *Sex and the City*, it was practically its own character. How much pressure did you feel sourcing the young Carrie's closet for the new show?

I was actually quite stressed out by the thought of having to take on such an over-

whelming task. But I was elated to be able to breathe new life into such an amazing fashion icon. The best part of it for me is being about to relive my coming of age '80s angst, from when I was a teen in the Midwest dreaming of a life in New York City.

You've worked with both Carries — Sarah Jessica Parker and AnnaSophia Robb. How do they differ in their approach to her fashion choices?

The approaches are very different. We have to remember that this Carrie is a teenager who goes to public school. She will stay true to her idiosyncratic style, not giving in to pre-determined trends but making her own. So in that sense, there's a similarity.

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Eric Daman is also known for styling the cast of *Gossip Girl*. PROVIDED

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This year's evil green decor trend



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Each new year the decor industry picks a single colour trend that will influence the home furnishings and fashion market.

Last year, the colour was called tango tangerine, a bright, pinkish-orange that was upbeat, fun and optimistic. We saw orange peek into some home decor accessories and used a lot in fashion over the last year.

This year, the new colour is emerald green. It's certainly an easier colour to incorporate into home decor than tango tangerine. This green is a throw-back to the glamorous '80s; when the dark jewel-toned colours reigned for that very short time.

Although green is a popular colour to decorate with, any deep colours other than neutrals are almost impossible to incorporate into our existing schemes. If emerald green is a colour you have always loved, then this is your year. For the

rest, I say do not get caught up in the hoopla-ha of it all. In about 300 days there will be a new colour introduced and perhaps that one will be more fitting to your decor style. If you want to give it a try, here's a few ways to incorporate the colour into your decor scheme.

Use it as the single colour in the room (mixed with an all-over neutral)

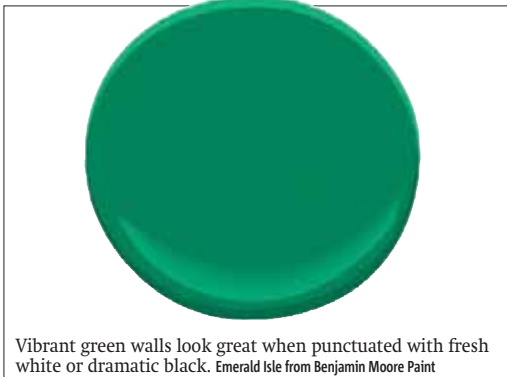
Pay homage to this year's trendiest colour by singling it out as the only colour in a room. An all-grey or beige room will come to life with bold uses of this rich green colour.

Go big and make everything emerald green

From carpet, paint colour and upholstery, choose variations of emerald green to create a jewel box of colour in a dining or guest room.

Use it as a little spark of colour

Not sure about emerald green? Perhaps a tiny investment of this colour will make you feel on-trend without committing to it for life. A small stone catch-all box, vase or a silk pillow might just do the trick.



Vibrant green walls look great when punctuated with fresh white or dramatic black. Emerald Isle from Benjamin Moore Paint



Emerald upholstery is a commitment best left to disposable slipcovers.

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Ottoman Yama Patchwork Rug, \$15/square foot

Emerald green works itself better into a room when mixed with other tones of similar colours.

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A dash of green is the best way to implement this year's colour into your existing decor scheme. EQ3.com



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Learn to avoid pesticides

What are the dirty dozen and the clean 15?
-Jen, Port Moody, B.C.



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The dirty dozen and the clean 15 refer respectively to the fruits and vegetables that are the most and least contaminated by pesticide use, according to the Environmental Working Group.

Why do we care?
Pesticides are toxic by design. Different pesticides have been linked to a variety of health problems, including hormone disruption, cancer and brain toxicity.

But for most people, switching to organic produce is a gradual process. Because organic foods tend to be more expensive than their counterparts, making informed choices in the produce aisle helps minimize pesticide consumption while keeping the budget in check.

Should you avoid the dirty dozen?
Absolutely not! Fresh fruits and vegetables are always a healthier choice than processed foods. Besides, non-organic processed foods are sure to contain a slough of chemicals too. Instead, let the guide dictate your allocation of organic versus non-organic purchases.

Why eat organic food?
All of this opens up a bigger discussion about the choice to eat organic food — and the reasons that not everyone does. Often, the decision comes down to bottom line.

Non-organic foods cost less money. But there are

Contamination list

The Dirty Dozen

Apples, celery, sweet bell peppers, peaches, strawberries, nectarines, grapes, spinach lettuce, cucumbers, blueberries, potatoes

The Clean 15

Onions, sweet corn, pineapples, avocado, cabbage, sweet peas, asparagus, mangoes, eggplant, kiwi, cantaloupe, sweet potatoes, grapefruit, watermelon, mushrooms

other costs — hidden costs — that have to be considered too. These include abstract factors like the cost of demanding more from the earth than it can produce and the long-term health costs associated with ingesting chemicals.

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1. Grease insert of a 3 1/2- to 4-quart slow cooker.

2. In a bowl, whisk together tomato sauce and milk. Spread 250 ml (1 cup) of the sauce mixture in bottom of slow cooker.

3. In another bowl, whisk together salt, nutmeg, pepper, egg, ricotta and Parmesan. Stir in sweet potato and spinach. Using fingers, fill cannelloni shells with ricotta mixture. Place filled shells side by side in slow cooker, making 2 layers if necessary. Pour remaining sauce over shells.

4. Cover and cook on low for about 6 hours or on high for about 3 hours, until bubbling.

Ingredients

- 750 ml (3 cups) tomato sauce
- 250 ml (1 cup) evaporated milk
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground nutmeg
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) pepper
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) ricotta cheese
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) grated Parmesan cheese
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) grated peeled sweet potato
- 250 ml (1 cup) packed baby spinach, chopped
- 12 oven-ready cannelloni shells
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded mozzarella cheese

Sprinkle with mozzarella. Cover and cook on high for about 15 minutes or until mozzarella is melted. **BEST OF BRIDGE SLOW COOKER COOKBOOK BY SALLY VAUGHAN-JOHNSTON & THE BEST OF BRIDGE PUBLISHING LTD. (ROBERT ROSE, ROBERTROSE, CA, 2012)/ THE CANADIAN PRESS**

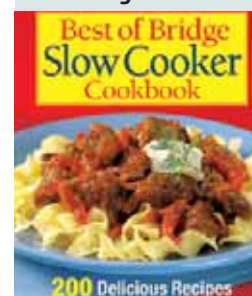
Sweet Potato Cannelloni



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Cookbook of the Week

Slow it right down



Sally Vaughan-Johnston and Best of Bridge are back with this collection of recipes specifically for the slow cooker.

Full of dishes that make meal preparation quick and easy, with ingredients that can be found at any local supermarket across North America, this collection features everything from the perfect choice for your next neighbourhood potluck to elegant appetizers, breakfast and brunch ideas to delectable desserts.

The recipes are categorized into: All-Day Breakfast; Nibbles, Dips and Drinks; Soups, Beef and Veal, Pork and Lamb, Chicken and Turkey, Meatless Mains, Sides and Accompaniments and Desserts. **METRO**

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Iconic white dress

Styles of 2013 wedding gowns draw on traditional shapes and fabrics

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For Metro

The bride in a white dress is an icon in our culture. Though the wedding may be a very public affair, the dress is a very personal decision. Luckily, there are styles out there to suit every taste.

"We really grow the styles from season to season," says Penina Levinson, fashion co-ordinator at Paloma Blanca, a Toronto-based wedding gown design house, and its sister line Mikaella Bridal.

The styles of 2013 draw on traditional shapes and fabrics.

Lace

This intricate fabric is hip



Mikaella Bridal all lace gown.
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Paloma Blanca illusion neckline gown. PALOMA BLANCA PHOTO



Mikaella Bridal ruffle skirt gown.
MIKAELLA BRIDAL PHOTO

again, lending subtle pattern and texture to this year's wedding gowns. At once concealing and revealing, lace can be used in many ways.

Levinson cites ways to update the look of traditional lace, such as lining it with a different colour to make the lace pattern "pop out."

Paloma Blanca gowns this season use lace in several different ways. On a fitted gown with a sweetheart neckline, lace draws attention to the body's curves.

A dress with a ruched lace bodice defines the waist with a ribbon.

Many of Paloma Blanca's veils and boleros have lace edging that complement the dress.

Ruffles

Paloma Blanca has incorporated ruffles into its dresses since 2010, "but they've been re-developed every season," says Levinson. In 2013, a loose, lightweight ruffle adds volume to skirts, combining with curve-hugging bodices and waist-defining ribbons to create a feminine silhouette.

"You have kind of your classic ball gown in the shape, but it's a

little more fun and flirty and young," Levinson says.

Peplum

Currently cropping up in casual dresses, shirts and jackets for women, the peplum has made its way into bridal fashion, "for a fashion forward bride," Levinson says. The style creates a flare outward from the waist to the hip.

"It makes your waist look tiny," Levinson says.

People can be intimidated by the bold style, she says, "but once they try it on it looks really good on."

Keyhole Backs

This dress style provides an elegant way to balance out covered shoulders by revealing something else — the back. In a keyhole back, sheer shoulder coverings button at the top of the back and open up in a window below. "If somebody wanted a little coverage for the ceremony, this is an interesting way to be able to do it," Levinson says.

Regardless of the style, a wedding gown should always fit snugly, especially if it's strapless, Levinson advises. "But most of all a dress should make the bride feel beautiful and like a queen."

The Paloma Blanca peplum gown.



Mikaella Bridal all lace keyhole back gown. MIKAELLA BRIDAL PHOTO



Paloma Blanca all-lace gown. Lace is hip again, lending subtle pattern and texture to this year's wedding gowns.



MackKinnon, Drouin held off scoresheet

Top Prospects. Team Cherry shut out as capacity crowd watches future NHLers play hard-hitting game



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It had all the makings for a big night for Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin.

The two Halifax Mooseheads stars playing in front of a sold-out hometown crowd as the eyes of the hockey nation watched live across Canada when the top prospects for the 2013 NHL draft took to the Metro Centre ice.

Unfortunately, everything doesn't always go according to script.

MacKinnon and Drouin were held off the scoresheet and managed only a handful of good scoring chances as they played on the same line for Team Cherry in a 3-0 loss to Team Orr at the CHL Top Prospects game on Wednesday night before 10,595 fans.

"This isn't the first time this has happened," MacKinnon told a large media contingent about not getting a point. "I've played hockey for a long time and it happens sometimes. The chances aren't always going to go in. Tonight is an example of that."

Of the two forwards, MacKinnon generated the better scoring chances and had more zip to his game.

He missed a couple of great scoring chances early, then went through the entire Team Orr team on a late-game rush before falling before shooting.

As for Drouin, his best



Team Orr's Seth Jones, left, and Team Cherry's Nathan MacKinnon shake hands after the CHL Top Prospects game in Halifax on Wednesday. Jones and MacKinnon are ranked No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, among draft-eligible North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting Bureau. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The amount for Wednesday night's 50-50 draw.

chance to score came with about five minutes left as he went in on the Team Orr goal but the puck rolled off his stick.

"The puck was just not bouncing the right way today,"

said Drouin. "That's part of the game, I guess. You have those nights."

As for the other Halifax player participating, goaltender Zachary Fucale, the 17-year-old was solid, but allowed all three goals on 20 shots.

Fucale had no chance on two of the goals, but admitted he wishes to have back the second one when Chicoutimi Saguenéens forward Laurent Dauphin beat him on a shot glove-side.

"It was a lot of fun," Fucale said. "It was high-intensity game and in the end we took out some good experiences from it. It's only going to be positive for us in the future."

The game itself was a hard-hitting affair that saw two fights and great inten-

Behind the bench

Cherry rues missed shots

Don Cherry might need to eat some sour grapes after this one.

Team Cherry's 3-0 loss to Team Orr, coached by former Montreal Canadiens forward Mike McPhee, marked the first time in the event's 18-year history either team was shutout.

"We didn't click," Cherry said. "I'm not saying we had bad luck, but holy smokes, every time we went to shoot, the whole deal."

McPhee, a Cape Breton native who lives in St. Margarets Bay, said he enjoyed the experience.

"It's fun to watch the skill of these guys," McPhee said. "I had a great time — a great seat."

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

sity. Adam Erne of the Quebec Remparts and Nick Petan of the Portland Winterhawks had the other goals.

"This game, as I've said be-

fore, is not an all-star game," Don Cherry said afterwards. "There's more hitting tonight than you will see in 10 games in the NHL."

Quoted

"It's tough for sure, but at the same time, we'll move on. It was a great experience to be a part of this game."

Halifax Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon

NHL

White tries out with the Blues

New Glasgow native Colin White, 35, has been invited to St. Louis Blues training camp on a professional tryout basis.

Last season, White's contract with the San Jose Sharks ended, making him a free agent.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

CHL

Moose still No. 1

The Halifax Mooseheads' reign as the No. 1 team in the Canadian Hockey League has hit double figures.

The new rankings came out Wednesday and for a 10th consecutive week the Mooseheads hold down the top spot. Halifax is a CHL-best 35-4-2-1.

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AUS men's hockey

Huskies shut out Tigers

Anthony Peters made 23 saves as the Saint Mary's Huskies blanked the Dalhousie Tigers in Atlantic University Sport men's hockey action Wednesday night at the Halifax Forum.

The Huskies have won nine of their past 10 games.

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NBL Canada

Rainmen drop close one to Power

In the end the Halifax Rainmen couldn't withstand the Oshawa Power and lost another heartbreaking game 127-124 in overtime on Wednesday.

There were some positives: the Rainmen's bench outscored the Power's back-ups 62-13 and Joey Haywood

had a breakout game with 27 points to lead Halifax.

But fouls proved to be Halifax's biggest downfall with the Rainmen tallying 11 more than their opposition. Three Halifax players ended up fouling out.

Oshawa's Nick Okorie poured in a game-high 37 points while Jushay Rockett added 35.

With the loss, the Rainmen fall to 11-13.

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Trestman to take on Bears' top job

NFL. Former Alouette will return south of the border, where he has served for eight teams

The Chicago Bears hired Montreal Alouettes coach Marc Trestman on Wednesday to replace the fired Lovie Smith and gave him two basic tasks — fix the offence and lead the team to the playoffs on a consistent basis.

How he meshes with quarterback Jay Cutler could go a long way toward determining his success.

It's the first NFL head-coaching job for Trestman, 57, a long-time assistant in the league who spent the past five seasons coaching the Alouettes, leading them to a 59-31 regular-season record and three Grey Cup appearances, winning twice.

Prior to arriving in the CFL in 2008, Trestman spent time in the NCAA coaching at Miami and North Carolina State and served in the NFL

as a quarterback coach, running back coach and offensive co-ordinator with Minnesota (twice), Tampa Bay, Cleveland, San Francisco, Detroit, Arizona, Oakland and Miami.

Chicago general manager Phil Emery cast a wide net in his search, meeting with at least 13 candidates. Besides Trestman, he also brought back Seattle Seahawks offensive co-ordinator Darrell Bevell and the Indianapolis Colts' Bruce Arians for second interviews.

Trestman wasted little time starting to assemble his staff.

A person familiar with the situation said the Bears hired New Orleans Saints offensive line coach Aaron Kromer as their offensive co-ordinator, hoping to revive a unit that often sputtered with Mike Tice calling the plays.

The Dallas Cowboys, meanwhile, reported on their website that special teams coach Joe DeCamillis was leaving to become Chicago's assistant head coach/special teams co-ordinator. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Not ready to retire

QB Calvillo committed to 20th season

The Montreal Alouettes will have a new head coach in 2013, but a familiar face remains under centre.

Quarterback Anthony Calvillo isn't retiring. There were thoughts the 40-year-old might have a change of heart with Marc Trestman's departure, but the veteran quarterback emphatically stated he's all in for a 20th CFL season.

"One thing I've learned, I'm always going to trust the powers that be, (owner Robert) Wetenhall and (GM) Jim Popp, to get the right people in here to help us win," Calvillo told reporters in Montreal.

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Former Montreal Alouettes head coach Marc Trestman, pictured at a news conference in Montreal on July 16, 2012, has been hired by the Chicago Bears to replace the fired Lovie Smith. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

NHL

Malkin adjusting quickly after stint playing in Russia

While the rest of his Pittsburgh Penguins teammates got taped up before practice on Tuesday, Evgeni Malkin ducked off to the side and picked up a couple of personal items that'd been waiting for him during his working vacation in his native Russia.

You know, just the Hart Trophy. Oh, and the Art Ross Trophy for leading the league in scoring, too. Despite being jet-lagged, he practised for nearly three hours on Monday and appeared to be just fine on Tuesday.

"I'm ready," he said. "I'm in good shape."

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Baseball

Jays farm hand banned 50 games

Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Alan Farina has been suspended 50 games following the right-hander's second positive test under baseball's minor league drug program.

Farina is currently on the roster of Single-A Dunedin Blue Jays of the Florida State League.

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Tennis. Raonic takes care of business in second round of Australian Open

Canada's Milos Raonic defeated Lukas Rosol of the Czech Republic 7-6 (7-2), 6-2, 6-3 scoreline to reach the third round of the Australian Open on Thursday.

The 13th seed now stands one victory away from duplicating his best showings at a grand slam after playing four rounds at the U.S. Open last autumn and in Melbourne in 2011.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., will face off against 17th-seeded Philipp Kohlschreiber on Sunday after the German advanced over Israeli Amir Weintraub 6-2, 7-6(4), 6-4.

Raonic, who struggled in his opening match at Melbourne park, was dominant in his second, firing 18 aces to win in and coming home in just over one hour 45 minutes.

He clinched the victory just in time before temperatures rose to the day's high of 39 Celsius, the hottest day of the event so far.

Raonic, ranked 15th in the world, had never faced Rosol before. The Czech is known for knocking Rafael Nadal out of the Wimbledon second round last June in the upset of the season.

Raonic converted on five of his eight break chances in the rout on an outside court. He broke three times in the second set and was equally untroubled as he rolled to the win.

On the women's side,



Milos Raonic hits a return to Lukas Rosol of the Czech Republic Thursday in Melbourne, Australia.

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Serena Williams cautiously walked onto the court, and tried to keep the points short to avoid irritating her injured right ankle as she advanced to the third round.

Summoning all her experience from 15 major titles, including the final two of the last season, Williams lifted her tempo on the biggest points — winning an 18-minute game to open the second set, finally cashing in on her fourth break chance. Nineteen minutes later, she finished off a 6-2, 6-0 win Thursday over No. 112-ranked Garbine Muguruza with an ace at 207 kph — the fastest she can remember serving.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	24	12	.667	—
d-New York	24	13	.649	1/2
d-Indiana	24	16	.600	2
Chicago	22	15	.595	2 1/2
Brooklyn	23	16	.590	2 1/2
Atlanta	22	16	.579	3
Boston	20	18	.526	5
Milwaukee	19	18	.514	5 1/2
Philadelphia	16	23	.410	9 1/2
Orlando	14	24	.368	11
Detroit	14	24	.368	11
Toronto	14	25	.359	11 1/2
Charlotte	9	29	.237	16
Cleveland	9	31	.225	17
Washington	7	28	.200	16 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	31	8	.795	—
d-L.A. Clippers	30	9	.769	1
d-San Antonio	30	11	.732	2
Memphis	24	13	.649	6
Golden State	23	13	.639	6 1/2
Denver	24	17	.585	8
Portland	20	18	.526	10 1/2
Utah	21	19	.525	10 1/2
Houston	21	19	.525	10 1/2
Minnesota	16	19	.457	13
L.A. Lakers	17	21	.447	13 1/2
Dallas	17	23	.425	14 1/2
Sacramento	14	24	.368	16 1/2
New Orleans	13	26	.333	18
Phoenix	13	27	.325	18 1/2

Wednesday's results

Chicago 107, Toronto 105, OT
Orlando 97, Indiana 86
Atlanta 109, Brooklyn 95
Dallas 105, Houston 100
Oklahoma City 117, Denver 97
New Orleans 90, Boston 78
San Antonio 103, Memphis 82
Cleveland at Portland
Washington at Sacramento
Miami at Golden State

Tuesday's results

Indiana 103, Charlotte 76
New Orleans 111, Philadelphia 99
Brooklyn 113, Toronto 106
L.A. Clippers 117, Houston 107
Denver 115, Portland 111, OT
L.A. Lakers 104, Milwaukee 88
Thursday's games — All Times Eastern
New York vs. Detroit at London, England, 3 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
Wednesday's results

MEN

Singles

Second Round

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Ryan Harrison, U.S., 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.
David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Tim Smyczek, U.S., 6-0, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.
Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Rep., def. Guillaume Rufin, France, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.
Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5.
Nicolas Almagro (10), Spain, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.
Stanislav Wawrinka (15), Switzerland, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (4), retired.

Kei Nishikori (16), Japan, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-1.
Sam Querrey (20), U.S., def. Brian Baker, U.S., 6-7 (2), 1-1, retired.
Fernando Verdasco (22), Spain, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.
Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, def. Mikhail Youzhny (23), Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Jerzy Janowicz (24), Poland, def. Somdev Devvarman, India, 6-7 (10), 3-6, 6-1, 6-0, 7-5.

Jurgen Melzer (26), Austria, def. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-2.
Marcos Baghdatis (28), Cyprus, def. Tatsumi Ito, Japan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
Radek Stepanek (31), Czech Rep., def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.
Julien Benneteau (32), France, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-1, 7-5, 6-4.

Doubles

First Round

Maheesh Bhupathi, India, and Daniel Nestor (5), Toronto, def. Pablo Andujar and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.

WOMEN

Singles

Second Round

Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 6-0, 6-0.
Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-3, 6-3.
Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Rep., 6-3, 6-1.

Li Na (6), China, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-2, 7-5.
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 6-0, 6-0.

Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-3, 6-3.

Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Rep., 6-3, 6-1.

Li Na (6), China, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-2, 7-5.

Zheng Jie, China, def. Sam Stosur (9), Australia, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.

Marion Bartoli (11), France, def. Vesna Dolonc, Serbia, 7-5, 6-0.

Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.

Valeria Savinykh, Russia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (15), Slovakia, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Julia Goerges (18), Germany, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-2.

Ekaterina Makarova (19), Russia, def. Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, 6-3, 6-3.

Jelena Jankovic (22), Serbia, def. Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Klara Zakopalova (23), Czech Rep., 6-1, 6-0.

Venus Williams (25), U.S., def. Alize Cornet, France, 6-3, 6-3.

Sorana Cirstea (27), Romania, def. Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Rep., 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Madison Keys, U.S., def. Tamira Paszek (30), Austria, 6-2, 6-1.

Heather Watson, Britain, def. Ksenia Pervak, Kazakhstan, 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2.

NFL

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Sunday's results

AFC — New England 41 Houston 28

NFC — Atlanta 30 Seattle 28

Saturday's results

AFC — Baltimore 38 Denver 35 (2OT)

NFC — San Francisco 45 Green Bay 31

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday's games — All Times Eastern

NFC — San Francisco at Atlanta, 3 p.m.

AFC — Baltimore at New England, 6:30 p.m.

SUPER BOWL XLVII

Sunday, Feb. 3

At New Orleans, La.

AFC vs. NFC champions, 6 p.m.



Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Career-wise this is a great day to start something new. If you have been thinking about changing job or vocation, what happens over the next 24 hours could make up your mind. Then all you have to do is act.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You are very much flavour of the month at the moment but it won't last forever, so make sure you take advantage of other people's good feelings towards you. This is also an excellent time to socialize.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you find yourself in a favourable position today, you must make good use of it. Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity because you think it would be wrong to do well for yourself while others are struggling.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If someone says something critical about you today, don't automatically assume they are trying to put you down. More likely, they are trying to make you aware of the mistakes you've been making. Listen and learn.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

In both your personal life and in your work, you are about to reap the rewards for past labours. All that is required of you is to sit back and enjoy the good things heading your way. You can do that.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Cosmic activity in your fellow Earth sign of Capricorn has been good for you lately. Today's Venus-Pluto union will bring out the passionate side of your nature, which will be good for those you love!

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will find it easy to show affection today. You don't need to go over the top but you do need to let partners and relatives know how much you love them and how much you appreciate their efforts.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

With Venus, planet of romance, linked to your ruler Pluto in one of the more outgoing areas of your chart, you won't be shy about showing your affection today. When Scorpios love, they love without limits.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Ignore those who say you should be pushing yourself harder because they do not know what they are talking about. If everything comes so easily to you, why should you make it difficult? Life is there to be enjoyed.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You will be even more intense than usual today. Pluto in your sign will make you more passionate and help you to move mountains through sheer force of personality. Be a catalyst for change.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

There is so much in your life you have to be thankful for, yet still you are focusing on things that went wrong. Get over it. When the Sun enters your sign at the weekend you must be ready to move on.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Cosmic activity in the area of your chart that governs friendships and group activities means you will attract people who share your desire to improve things. Together you can change the world for the better. **SALLY BROMPTON**

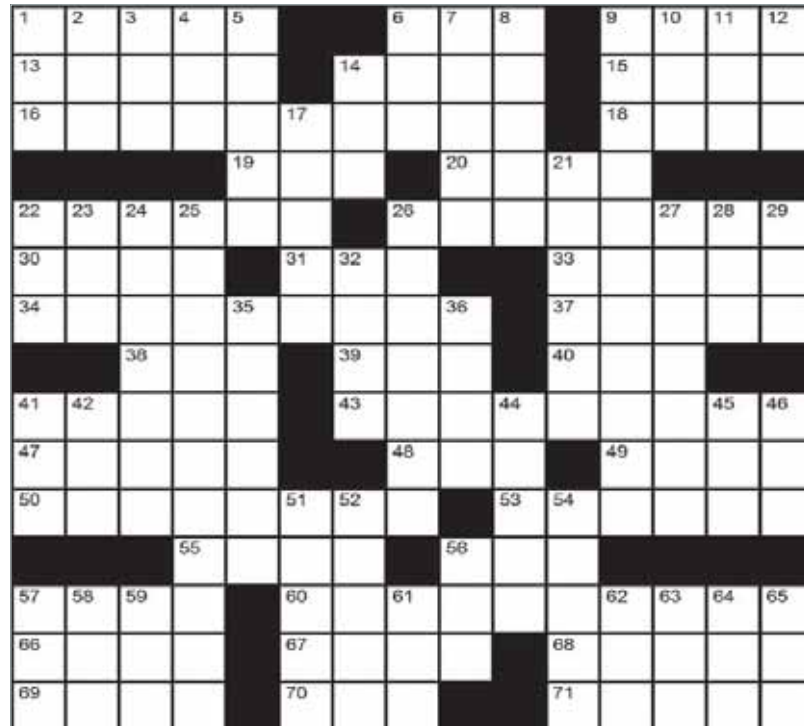
Crossword: Canada Across & Down

Across

- Island of wild horses in Canada
- Michael Jackson song
- Maritime folk tune: "Song for the ___"
- Nature photographer Mr. Adams
- 'Star Wars' universe knight
- Actress, ___ Rachel Wood
- New "American Idol" judge: 2 wds.
- Cozy corners
- Deryck Whibley's band, ___ 41
- "Me neither.": 2 wds.
- Blessings
- Accessorized like The Penguin
- School subj.
- Bird of Australia
- Celebrity chef Ms. De Laurentiis
- Saskatoon band, The ___
- Feminizing suffixes
- Director Spike
- Game-on-the-green org.
- Teacher's pen
- Loud
- Eminem alias: 2 wds.
- Armada
- 'Client' completer
- Halo
- Scanned-at-checkout things: 2 wds.
- Is allowed: 2 wds.
- McGill, e.g.
- Launch site
- House entrance
- Victoria-born actress Meghan Ory's fairytale "Once Upon a Time" role, with Red: 2 wds.
- Lucy ___ Montgomery
- Donated
- Halle Berry's Canadian ex, Gabriel ___
- Middles, mini-ly
- Finish
- Ms. Witherspoon

Down

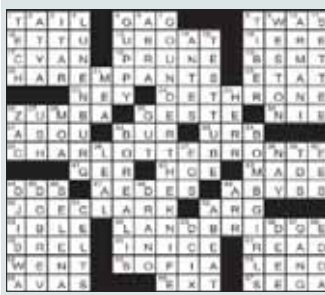
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- Tropical cuckoo bird
- Graduate's degree, e.g.
- Currency in Albania
- Beethoven's title lady
- Mr. Mulroney
- A Bell for ___ (John Hersey Pulitzer-winning novel)
- Mustard variety
- Alberta city: 2 wds.
- "___ had it!"
- Sprinted
- 'A' of Q&A, for short
- Mr. Carrey
- Pondered
- Canadian communications company
- Baseball execs



- Cheerleader's cheer!
- Designer's studio
- Poutine pieces: 2 wds.
- J.K. Rowling's non-magical folks
- Some horse-drawn carriages
- Dutch city
- "___ Boot" (1981)
- Cleans the floors
- Quarterback Mr. Manning
- Go on a yacht
- Canadian cinematic org.
- 'Motor' suffix
- Actress Ms. Fox

- "___ & the Women" (2000)
- Former-NBAer, ___ Ming
- Mournful melody
- Mineral water brand
- ___ Allan Poe
- Dessert choice
- Rap legends, Run-___
- Porridge particle
- ___ Lady Peace
- Home theatre item
- Shade
- UK award since 1917
- Alternatives
- Nice 'n Easy product

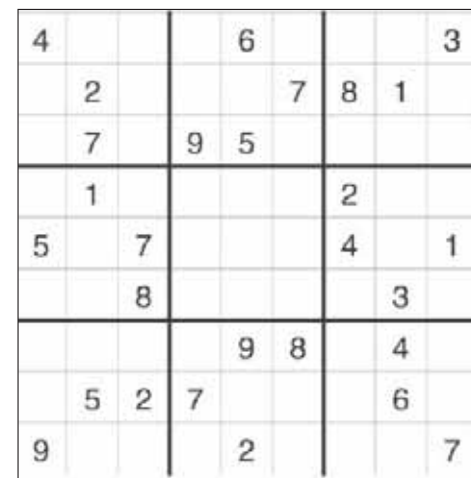
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Sudoku

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